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Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/270,111**  
**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONCENTRATING A**  
**GAS USING A SINGLE STAGE ADSORPTION ZONE**  
**Filed: March 16, 1999**  
**Applicant: Conrad et al.**

This application is a continuation-in-part of serial number 09/240,618 which was filed on February 1, 1999. This parent application claimed priority from Canadian application number 2,253,693. The applicant encloses a revised Declaration wherein the claim for convention priority based upon Canadian application number 2,253,693 is specifically referred to. Recognition of the claim for convention priority is respectfully requested. A copy of the filing receipt showing this change is attached hereto.

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